COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | 6 pm
Lunenburg Town Hall - Council Chamber

Present	Mayor Jamie Myra, Councillors Debbie Dauphinee, Renea Babineau, Gale Fullerton, and Alison Strachan
Regrets	Deputy Rachel Bailey, Councillor Alex Greek
Also present	Paul Nopper, CAO Lisa Dagley, Director of Finance Jamie Deans, Communications and Events Coordinator
Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Land Acknowledgment	The Chair recognized Lunenburg's location on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.
Approval of Agenda	**Moved by Councillor Strachan and seconded by Councillor Babineau** that Council approve the agenda for the October 27, 2026, meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously**
Special Announcement	Mayor Myra announced that the Town of Lunenburg and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) have agreed to share planning services. The partnership will provide additional planning expertise and staff capacity, improve coordination of planning and development services, and support continued use of the Clariti permitting system. The Town will continue to retain its legislation and decision-making authority over planning matters requiring town council approval, including the MPS, the LUB and the HCDP.
Approval of Minutes	**Moved by Councillor Fullerton and seconded by Councillor Strachan** that Council approve the October 13, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously** **Moved by Councillor Fullerton and seconded by Councillor Strachan** that Council approve the October 14, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously**
Presentation: Partners for Care	Representatives from Partners for Care presented an overview of the Welltide Health Hub, a new 45,000-square-foot community health and wellness facility currently under construction in Cookville. The

(WellTide Health Hub)	organization's goal of improving access to health and social services by reducing barriers, enhancing navigation supports, and fostering collaboration among service providers. The facility is intended to provide both low-cost and no-cost service options where possible and support innovative approaches to community healthcare delivery. Council expressed support for the project, recognizing its potential benefits to residents and encouraging ongoing community engagement and awareness efforts as the facility moves toward opening.
Public Input	Resident, Townie Anderson, signed up to speak during the public input session regarding the former train station property, expressing concerns about the heritage designation process, the sale of the building, and Council's handling of the matter. The resident stated an intention to pursue a third-party heritage designation application and requested greater accountability regarding the decision. Council noted that legal and administrative advice had been received on the matter and reaffirmed that Council had made its decision regarding the property. Council emphasized that the sale had been completed, ownership had transferred to the new owner, and that any future matters relating to the building should be directed to the current owner. Council further indicated that it considered the matter concluded and would not be revisiting the decision.
Correspondence	Council received the SSODA Monthly Update - September
Council update on Council Meeting Schedule, vote on Deputy Mayor, 2026/2027	**Councillor Fullerton moved and Councillor Dauphinee seconded** that Council approve the dates and times for the Town of Lunenburg Regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings for 2026/2027 as presented in Attachment A with option two. **Motion carried unanimously** **Councillor Strachan moved and Councillor Dauphinee seconded** that Council appoint Rachel Bailey as Deputy Mayor until Council's next Organizational Meeting in 2027. **Motion carried unanimously**
Update on the Strategic Goals of Council and Timeline for Implementation	Council received a quarterly update on progress toward its strategic priorities. Staff highlighted progress on key projects, including implementation of the electrical utility capital plan, reviews of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use and Heritage By-laws, and efforts to strengthen communications. **No motion required, Information Report.**

Support RQM in joining the Lunenburg County REMO	**Councillor Strachan moved and Councillor Fullerton seconded** that the Council of the Town of Lunenburg support in principle the Region of Queens Municipality joining Lunenburg County REMO as a full participating municipal partner and that Council authorizes the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee to work with the Region of Queens Municipality and existing municipal partners to prepare a revised Intermunicipal Service Agreement for consideration. **Motion carried unanimously**
Notices of Motion, Information Requests and Councillor Reports	Council members provided reports on recent meetings and community activities. Reports included attendance at the Lunenburg Academy bell installation ceremony, Small Business Week events, the Be The Peace 10th anniversary celebration, the Full Moon Market, and tours of local community facilities. Councillors also noted upcoming participation in UNESCO and housing-related meetings. No items requiring action were identified.
Items for Consideration at COTW	The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026.
Motion Action List	Staff advised the there will be an updated Motion Action List ready for the November 10th Council Meeting.
Closed Session	**Councillor Strachan moved and Councillor Fullerton seconded** that Council move into closed session at 6:54 p.m. for agenda items 15.1 Contract Negotiations and 15.2 HR. **Motion carried unanimously**
Open Session	Council returned to open session at 8:24 p.m. There was no report from the closed session.
Adjournment	There being no further business, Councillor Strachan moved that the Council meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously**

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Minutes were read and approved.